

MARSHALL TRIMBLE

ARIZONA'S OFFICIAL STATE HISTORIAN

Topic: Marshall will entertain/educate on "Arizona Oddities".

Marshall Trimble is an expert on Arizona history and one of the state's most popular speakers and performers. For over 30 years, he has been Director of Southwest Studies at Scottsdale Community College, where he also teaches Arizona history. In 1997, Trimble was appointed by Arizona's Governor as the Official State Historian, and he is considered the "dean of Arizona historians".

Since 1977, Trimble has written more than 20 books on Arizona and the West, calling on his local history as a native Arizonan born in Mesa, raised in the small town of Ash Fork, and currently living in Scottsdale. He is also an educator, lecturer, consultant, folk singer, and stage performer. This multi-talented historian has been called the "Will Rogers of Arizona". He can deliver everything from a serious history lecture to 45 minutes of stand-up comedy.

Trimble appears frequently on radio and television as a goodwill ambassador for Arizona, and "Trimble's Tales" are heard daily on radio stations around the state. In 2006, he received a regional Emmy for hosting the television show, "Arizona Backroads". In 2010, he appeared as narrator and troubadour in Ryan Page and Christopher Pomeroy's, "*Blood Into Wine*", a documentary of Maynard James Keenan, rock star turned winemaker, and his Arizona wines. He also answers questions about the Old West from readers all over the world in *True West Magazine's* popular column, "Ask the Marshall".

Trimble has received many honors as a historian, writer, and performer.

- In 2000, he was selected as one of Arizona's representatives in the Library of Congress' "Local Legacies".
- In 2002, he received the first "Copper Star Award" from the State Society of Arizona in Washington D.C.
- In 2003, he received the Scottsdale Jaycees' "Distinguished Service Award".
- In 2004, the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded him their Medal of Honor for leadership and patriotism. That same year, he was inducted into the Scottsdale Hall of Fame and the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame.
- In 2007, the Arizona Office of Tourism presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of service to his native state.
- In 2008, he was the recipient of the first "Spirit of the West" award.
- In preparation for the state's 100th Anniversary, Governor Janet Napolitano appointed him to the Arizona Centennial Commission, 2008-2013. He was also a member of the Governor's Commission in 1987, celebrating the state's 75th Anniversary.
- In 2010, he was selected as one of only 10 persons to be inducted into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame.